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1. FEBRUARY 11 TURKISH PRESS PROMINENTLY CARRIES LEAKED
NEWS OF MEMORANDUM SUBMITTED TO FEBRUARY 9 MEETING OF
SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL BY AIR FORCE GENERAL OZAYDINLI, IN
WHICH HE BLAMES DISHARMONY IN THE GOVERNMENT FOR THE "INCREASE
IN POLITICAL MURDERS IN THE STREETS" AND FOR "THE EXTREMELY
SERIOUS STATE" ASSUMED BY "THE NATIONAL SECURITY QUESTION."
THE FIVE-PGE MEMORADNUM REPORTEDLY DECLARES THAT "NATIONAL
SECURITY IS IN DANGER" AND GOES ON TO STATE THAT "POLITICAL
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MURDERS WHICH MENACE OUR NATIONAL INTEGRITY AND NATIONAL
SECURITY AND ANARCHIST EVENTS CAN ONLY BE PREVENTED THROUGH
ACTING WITH DEVOTION TO THE REPUBLIC, LOYALTY TO THE REGIME,
FAITH IN LIBERAL DEMOCRACY, AND ON ATATURK'S PATH, WITHIN
THE UNDERSTANDING OF NATIONALISM DETERMINED BY ATATURK, AND
THROUGH ALL POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS' NOT STRAYING FROM THIS
PATH." OZAYDINLI'S MAIN THESIS WAS SAID TO BE THAT SQUABBLING

AMONG THE GOVERNMENT COALITION MEMBERS, AND CONTRADICTORY ANNOUNCEMENTS BEING MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT, HAD LED TO LOSS OF RESPECT FOR THE GOVERNMENT BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD AND TO DETERIORATION OF THE COUNTRY'S POSITION IN CONSEQUENCE.

2. OZAYDINLI'S MEMORANDUM REPORTEDLY WAS NOT OFFICIALLY READ IN THE SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL MEETING AND WAS NOT MADE A TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION THERE. ALTHOUGH OZAYDINLI TOLD THE PRESS THAT HE HAD SENT A COPY TO PRIMIN DEMIREL, THE LATTER, WHO HAD NOT ATTENDED THE SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL MEETING, STATED THAT HE HAD NOT RECEIVED ANY SUCH "REPORT OR LETTER" AND THAT ALL MILITARY REPORTS COME TO HIM THROUGH THE CHIEF OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF. "THAT'S THE WAY THE HIERARCHY IS, THE WAY THE CHAIN OF COMMAND IS," DEMIREL SAID.

3. A FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL IN REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) AFFILIATED BARIS FEBRUARY 11 COMPARED GEN. OZAYDINLI'S MEMORANDUM TO A LETTER SENT BY GEN. GURSEL TO THE LATE PRIMIN MENDERES BEFORE THE 1960 COUP, AND SUGGESTED THAT RATHER THAN TALKING ABOUT CHAINS OF COMMAND DEMIREL SHOULD TAKE OZAYDINLI'S WARNING SERIOUSLY.

4. COMMENT: GEN. OZAYDINLI WAS PASSED OVER LAST APRIL FOR APPOINTMENT AS AIR FORCE CHIEF (REF. A) REPORTEDLY BECAUSE OF THE POLITICAL AMBITIONS, PRO-RPP STANCE, AND ATI-REGIME SENTIMENTS WHICH ARE APPARENT IN HIS SUBMISSION OF HIS MEMORANDUM. THE FACT THAT THE SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL DID NOT TAKE UP OZAYDINLI'S MEMORANDUM APPEARS TO INDICATE LACK LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF SUPPORT FOR HIS POSITION. NEVERTHELESS, OZAYDINLI'S ACTION, COMING SOON AFTER OTHER WARNINGS TO THE GOVERNMENT (REF B), MUST BE CONSIDERED YET ANOTHER INDICATION OF THE DELICATE POSITION OF THE DEMIREL GOVERNMENT.
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